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GHOSTLY GREETINGS AND SHIVERY SALUTATIONS TO YOU ONCE AGAIN, MY FRIENDS. HERE I AM WITH MY ASSISTANTS!!! READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THEY ARE VICTOR VAMPIRE, GARRY GHOUL, WALTER WEREWOLF AND FREDDIE DEMON!!! READY TO THRILL YOU AND CHILL YOU WITH STORIES OF OTHER WORLDS AND OTHER PLANES OF EXISTENCE. SUPPOSE I START THE BALL TREMBLING WITH A TALE OF MY OWN... THE ONE ABOUT RUDY GLETS AND HIS!!!

HORN OF HORROR



RUDY GLETS WAS JUST A CHEAP SECOND RATE TRUMPET PLAYER, UNTIL HE MET "THE CATJIN MAN" - AND THEN RUDY BECAME... WELL, YOU'LL SEE! IT ALL STARTED AT A PARTY GIVEN BY WEALTHY JOHN FARROW, WHOSE HOBBIES WERE BE-FRIENDING MUSICIANS AND COLLECTING RARE INSTRUMENTS...

IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARTY, RUDY'S GIRL WALKED OUT ON HIM...

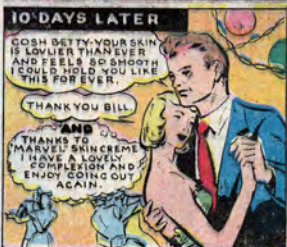
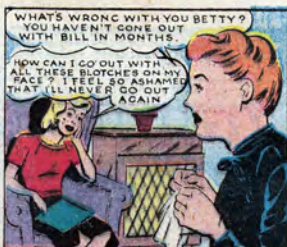
BUT MONA! YOU'RE MY GIRL! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET MARRIED AND...!

YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE A BIG MUSICIAN - NOW I FIND YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PUNK.

COME AROUND AGAIN WHEN YOU MAKE IT, RUDY. HA, HA, HA! THAT'LL BE THE DAY!

YOU'LL SEE, MONA! I'LL HIT THE TOP IF IT KILLS ME!





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OH! EXCUSE ME, MR. FALLOW, DIDN'T MEAN TO BUST IN...

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, COME ON IN AND LOOK AROUND RUDY...



...THIS IS MY COLLECTION ROOM. I HAVE EVERY KNOWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HERE.



WHWWW! WHAT'S SO HOT ABOUT THAT BEAT UP OLD HORN ON THE DESK THERE?

THIS IS MY PRIZE, JOHNNY. IT BELONGED TO A MAN WHO WAS A THIEF, A MURDERER, KILLER OF DOZENS OF PEOPLE... BUT THE GREATEST TRUMPET PLAYER WHO EVER LIVED. THEY FINALLY HUNG HIM FOR KILLING HIS SWEETHEART. THIS WAS "THE CAJUN MAN'S" TRUMPET, JOHNNY. GO AHEAD, TRY IT OUT.

HEY! *THE CAJUN* I'D SURE LIKE TO TRY A FEW LICKS ON IT!



AND SO RUDY BEGAN TO PLAY... AS HE NEVER HAD BEFORE! THE MUSIC WAS SWEET, PERFECT AND CLEAN, BUT IT WASN'T ONLY RUDY. IT SEEMED TO COME FROM OUTSIDE OF HIMSELF AND SOMETHING ELSE SEEMED TO COME TOO... FIRST JUST A WHISPER...!

BLOW IT SWEET BOY! THAT HORN COULD BE THE MAKIN' OF YOU MAN!



AND RUDY PLAYED AND PLAYED... UNTIL FALLOW TRIED TO STOP HIM! BUT THEN THE VOICE GREW STRONGER...

ALRIGHT, RUDY, THAT'S ENOUGH, GIVE ME THE HORN BACK.

THAT'S YOUR HORN NOW, BOY! YOU GONNA LET 'M TAKE IT?!



LET GO! IT'S MINE! I GOTTA HAVE IT, I GOTTA!

ARE YOU CRAZY? NOW GIVE IT TO ME BEFORE I CALL...

THAT HORN'S YOUR LIFE, MAN... AN' A MAN'S GOTTA KILL TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE! THAT'S WHAT I HADDO DO!



YOU'LL CALL NOBODY! IT'S MY HORN AND I'M TAKIN' IT!

LET GO OF ME, YOU FOOL! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?





CLUTCHING HIS PRECIOUS HORN, RUDY WALKED OUT
OF THE PARTY UNNOTICED... AND FARROW'S
DEATH WAS LATER PUT DOWN TO SUICIDE OR
ACCIDENT...



AND SOON THE FAME OF RUDY AND HIS HORN SPREAD.
HE WENT FROM ONE GOOD JOB TO A BETTER ONE.
AND IN A MONTHS TIME WAS PLAYING WITH THE
FINEST LITTLE HOT COMBO IN THE LAND...



I MEANT WHAT THE SONG SAID, RUDY...
YOU'RE THE GREATEST! HOW ABOUT
COMING UP TO MY PLACE LATER AND
PLAYING SOME MORE, JUST FOR ME?

MAN, LISTEN
TO THAT
BOY PLAY!
BIX WAS
NEVER BETTER



THAT NIGHT, RUDY PLAYED ON AND ON FOR HOURS,
UNTIL SUDDENLY...





RUDY'S DECISION WAS SOON EVIDENT TO THE WHOLE CITY! THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHO BUT THEY KNEW ALRIGHT...



AND SO IT WENT. RUDY KILLED SAVAGELY...



...AND PLAYED BEAUTIFULLY...

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UNTIL FINALLY, ONE NIGHT...

I'LL BET MONA'S DYING TO SEE ME. SHE MUST KNOW HOW SUCCESSFUL I AM, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN CALLED HER. WAIT! SHE OPENS THE DOOR AND FINDS ME...



HI, MONA! I'M BACK, JUST LIKE I SAID...

SO I SEE. I WAS AFRAID THIS WOULD HAPPEN.



HEY! WHY THE COLD SHOULDER? I'VE HIT THE TOP LIKE I SAID I WOULD, AND NOW...

LOOK, RUDY, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU STRAIGHT. I NEVER LIKED YOU AND I DON'T LIKE YOU NOW...



...THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING QUEER AND CRAZY ABOUT YOU, AND I HEAR YOU'RE EVEN WORSE NOW! SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO, AND DON'T COME BACK!

WHY, YOU LYING, CHEATING LITTLE...! QUEER AND CRAZY AM I? ALRIGHT, MONA...



I'LL GO... BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU FIRST!

DON'T TRY TO SCARE ME, YOU PUNK! YOU'RE STILL JUST A PUNK, EVEN THOUGH...



A PUNK, HUH? LISTEN, BABY, I'VE **KILLED** FOR MY MUSIC... AND TO GET YOU! I KILLED AND KILLED AND KILLED AGAIN! I'M GOOD AT IT, MONA... YOU'LL SEE, RIGHT NOW!

DON'T BE CRAZY, RUDY! I TAKE IT ALL BACK! I LOVE YOU, RUDY!



LIAR! TWO-FACED LIAR! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, BABY... LIKE THE REST! WHAT'S ONE MORE KILLING TO **ME**?

BUT IT AIN'T JUST ONE MORE KILLING, RUDY...



YOU! WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU DIDN'T WAIT FOR THE VOICE, RUDY... YOU'RE ONLY SUPPOSED TO KILL WHEN THE VOICE TELLS YOU TO! I MADE THE SAME MISTAKE, BOY... AN' THEN I WAS THROUGH JUST LIKE YOU ARE! I KILLED MY GAL, TOO...



AN' THEN THEY TOOK THE HORN AWAY FROM ME, AN' THEY HUNG ME... JUST LIKE THEY'RE GONNA HANG YOU! BUT BEFORE THEY DO, BOY, I'M GONNA PLAY YOU SOME **A. JAL HORN!**

NO! DON'T TAKE IT AWAY! IT'S MINE!



NOT SO LOUD! CUT IT OUT! YOU'RE BREAKING MY EARDRUMS, NOT SO LOUD!

DON'T, DON'T! PLEASE DON'T! I'M GOING CRAZY! YOU'RE KILLING ME!



MEANWHILE, IN THE STREET...



HEY, LISTEN TO THAT
HOLLERING UP THERE!
THOUGHT I HEARD A
SCREAM A MINUTE
AGO, TOO!

SO DID I...
LET'S
GET
A COP!

STOP, STOP!
I CAN'T
STAND
IT!

AND SO, MOMENTS LATER...



MAKE HIM
STOP PLAYING!
MAKE HIM
STOP! THE
MUSIC'S
KILLING
ME!

WHAT'S
HE BEEFIN'
ABOUT? I
DON'T HEAR
ANY MUSIC!

NEITHER DO I... BUT
I SURE SEE SOME-
THIN'! WAIT'LL I TAKE
A LOOK! MAYBE WE
GOT THE STRANGLER
WE BEEN LOOKING
FOR!

AND FINALLY, SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...



IT'S TIME TO
GO, MY SON.
HAVE YOU ANY
LAST WORDS
TO...

HI, HOT SHOT...
I BEEN WAITIN'
FOR YA!

WHA...? NO! NO,
HE'S HERE!
DON'T LET HIM
GET ME!



COME ON, BOY! COME
WITH ME! I'LL PLAY YOU
SOME MUSIC! LOTSA
MUSIC... FOR EVER AN'
EVER!

NO! DON'T MAKE
ME GO WITH
HIM! DON'T LET
HIM GET ME!



HA HA
HA HA
HA HA

NO! NO!
NOOOO!



AND THAT WAS THE END OF ONE LIFE FOR RUDY
GLETZ... AND THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT TRUMPET? WHO DO
YOU SUPPOSE HAS IT NOW? DID ANOTHER
DESPERATE YOUNG MUSICIAN PICK IT UP IN A
HOCK SHOP SOMEPLACE... AND IS HE RECEIVING
STRANGE VISITORS THESE DAYS, VISITORS
LIKE RUDY GLETZ AND
"THE CAJUN MAN"?
I KNOW... BUT THAT'S
A STORY FOR ANOTHER
TIME!

WEREWOLVES? OF COURSE THERE ARE WEREWOLVES... WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM?! BUT WE'RE NOT THE ONLY STRANGE COMBINATION OF ANIMAL AND HUMAN THIS WORLD HAS TO OFFER. WE'RE NOT THE ONLY CREATURES OF TERROR WHO OFFER MANKIND A TERRIBLE CHOICE... JOIN US OR DIE! FOR INSTANCE HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF...

THE GREEN ONES



DEEP IN SOUTHERN SWAMP COUNTRY, LAURA BLAINE AND THE HUSBAND SHE HAD MARRIED A YEAR BEFORE, JACK BLAINE, VISIT LAURA'S SISTER, RUBY...

I DON'T MIND. IT SUITS ME. IT SUITS ME PERFECTLY.

'SCUSE ME, MIZ RUBY, BUT I KINDA THOUGHT MEBBE I OUGHTA TELL YA...

WELL, IT'S REALLY WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU TWO AGAIN! TELL ME, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW HOME?

IT'S VERY LOVELY, RUBY, BUT... ISN'T IT STRANGE, LIVING RIGHT IN THE HEART OF A SWAMP?





AND AFTER LUNCH...

THERE WAS A MOMENT'S SILENCE, AND THEN...



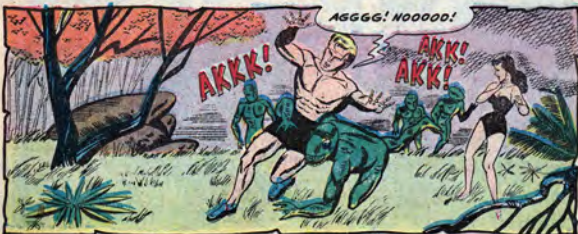
AND SO, HALF AN HOUR LATER...



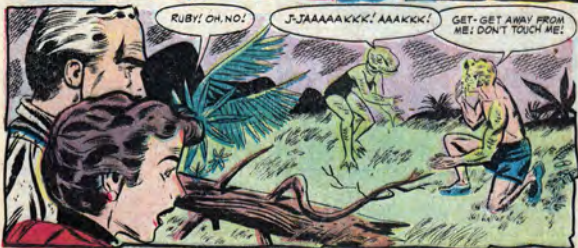
MEANWHILE, IN THE SWAMP...



AND MINUTES LATER...







WE TOO, THOUGHT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE

BUT

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- ELDON BEERBOWER**, drama student, shows he was totally bald. After use of Brandenfels, Eldon gets "crew cut" now. Hopes for television career.
- FRANCES HARRIS**, overseas radio, telephone operator, proves her hair roots were alive and **REGREW HAIR!** Women, too, use Brandenfels' system successfully.
- AL LIEFSON**, grocery store owner, holding "before" picture. "My wife says I look years younger since my hair grew again."

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Bald Men and Women Volunteered for Brandenfels' Clinical Research Project Conducted by Medical Doctors
PICTURES (a) & (b) SHOW PROCEDURE USED IN THE WORLD'S FIRST RESEARCH PROJECT BENEATH THE SCALP!

- (a) **SURGICAL INCISION**—tissue section removed from scalp for microscopic analysis on the test group only.
- (b) **MICROSCOPIC PHOTOGRAPH** of tissue section **PROVES** hair roots **CAN BE ALIVE** but not producing hair!

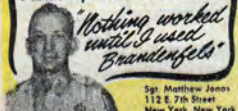
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IT CAME INTO HER LIFE FROM NOWHERE, THIS TERRIBLE VISITOR, "OR PERHAPS IT CAME FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE PIT OR THE HEIGHTS OF HORROR!!! AND IT BROUGHT WITH IT DEATH AND A PUNISHMENT WORSE THAN DEATH! SO BEWARE, THEN, BEWARE OF THE EVIL ONE WHO COMES DISGUISED AS YOU!! BEWARE OF!!!

THE DEADLY DOLL



BEWARE IS RIGHT, AND YOU'LL SEE WHY WHEN I TELL YOU ABOUT HELEN. WE'LL SKIP HER LAST NAME, FOR REASONS THAT WILL BE OBVIOUS! HELEN WAS BEAUTIFUL, BUT HER HEART WAS DARK, TWISTED AND DISSATISFIED WITH LIFE. ONE DAY, HOWEVER, HELEN GOT AN UNEXPECTED PRESENT, AND PRESENTS MADE HELEN A BIT LESS DISSATISFIED.



HOW EXCITING! IT CAN'T BE FROM HARRY, OF COURSE. THAT SKINFINT HUSBAND OF MINE WOULD NEVER. OH, THERE'S A CARD. LET'S SEE NOW...



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"TO HELEN, I KNOW YOUR SECRET DREAM. FROM F.D." THAT'S STRANGE.
"I DON'T KNOW ANY F.D. NOW WHO IN OH, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT IS!"

OH! ISN'T THAT AMAZING? A LIFE-SIZE DOLL, AND THE VERY IMAGE OF ME, EVEN TO THE CLOTHES. NOW WHO IN THE WORLD THOUGHT OF THAT?

I'M GOING TO KEEP IT RIGHT IN THE BEDROOM, TO REMIND ME OF MY SECRET ADMIRER. WHOEVER HE MAY BE. MAYBE THIS WILL FINALLY GET A JEALOUS RISE OUT OF THAT OLD SOURPUSS I MARRIED!

BUT "OLD SOURPUSS" REACTED DIFFERENTLY!!!

I DON'T CARE WHERE IT CAME FROM. I JUST DON'T LIKE IT! THERE'S SOMETHING EVIL ABOUT IT, HELEN! WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF IT?

I WILL NOT! IT'S MINE AND I'M KEEPING IT HARRY! WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU?

I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP WITH THAT TERRIBLE FACE LEERING AT ME!

TERRIBLE FACE?! HOW DARE YOU? WHY, IT LOOKS LIKE ME! OF ALL THE DIRTY CRACKS!!

DON'T MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT, HELEN. YOU KNOW DARNED WELL I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY! GO TO SLEEP!

HMMMPH! THE THINGS I PUT UP WITH! A HUSBAND WHO'S A MISER, WHO CALLS ME NAMES!!!

A FEW MINUTES LATER!!!

"I KNOW YOUR SECRET DREAM." WHAT CAN IT MEAN? NO ONE COULD KNOW THAT I WISH

BUT SOMEONE DOES KNOW, HELEN! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!



BUT IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEXT MORNING, THINGS LOOKED DIFFERENT TO HELEN...

WHAT A FOOL I WAS... IT WAS ONLY A NIGHTMARE AT THAT! BUT THIS SILLY DOLL BROUGHT IT ON, SO OUT IT GOES, NO MATTER...



DON'T BE A FOOL, HELEN! WE NEED EACH OTHER!

OH... IT DOES... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NEED EACH OTHER?



LISTEN, HELEN! I WAS TURNED INTO A DOLL CENTURIES AGO FOR COMMITTING THE WORST OF ALL CRIMES! ONLY WHEN SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE ME AGREES TO KILL AT MY URGING WILL I COME TO LIFE AND BE FREE! IT'S PERFECT, HELEN! KILL YOUR HUSBAND FOR ME, JUST AS YOU WANT TO DO YOURSELF, AND I TELL YOU THE LAW WILL NEVER PUNISH YOU!

I... I DON'T KNOW! I'M AFRAID!



THINK OF IT, HELEN! THINK OF IT! THE LAW WILL NEVER PUNISH YOU!

I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW!



HELEN'S MIND WAS IN TURMOIL ALL THAT DAY. LATER THAT NIGHT...

I'M GOING TO TURN IN. YOU COMING UP, HELEN?

I... I CAN'T. I HAVE TO THINK! I... I'LL BE UP LATER!



AND SO THE SECONDS AND THE MINUTES TICKED INTO HOURS, UNTIL AT LAST...

I... I HAVE TO THINK! BUT IT'S TOO LATE! I... SEEM TO HEAR SOMEONE CALLING...







IT WAS TRUE... THE LAW WILL NEVER PUNISH HELEN! WHO WOULD ELECTROCUTE A DOLL? BUT THERE ARE OTHER PUNISHMENTS! THE MOCKING WORDS SPOKEN BY THE DEADLY DOLL RANG OUT IN HELEN'S IMPRISONED SOUL...



I WONDER WHERE SHE IS NOW... HELEN, THE LATEST IN A LONG LINE OF DEADLY DOLLS? HMMM? WHO SENT THE DOLL? WHO WAS F.D.? WHY I THOUGHT YOU HAD GUESSED THAT LONG AGO! FREDDIE DEMON, OF COURSE, THATS ME! WHAT DID YOU THINK I **DID** FOR A LIVING, ANYWAY? AS FOR THE **DEADLY DOLL**, WELL... I CAN'T TELL YOU WHERE SHE CAME FROM, OR HER NAME, BUT I **CAN** INTRODUCE YOU TO HER!



THE END.

THE TELLER TALKS!



The Story Of: **THE KING'S WARNING!**

Good evening, my friends. I'm glad to see that you've all returned for another of our little chats, and that so many of you have been able to bring new friends along. Sit down, sit down, all of you. Here, move that skull from the chair and make room for one more.

In a way, my talk tonight is a continuation of last session's subject. That is, it's about ghosts, at any rate. You remember I told you the story of "Magnolia Mary" last time. Well, there are all kinds of ghosts, of course (assuming you believe in ghosts at all, which I definitely do since I have such a wide acquaintance among them) and "Magnolia Mary" is the type some call a protective ghost. These are friendly, helpful souls, who use their unearthly powers to help mortals like us. Such spirits probably led happy lives and loved their fellow men, even before they died. Then there are angry ghosts, wailing ghosts, warning ghosts, and others who simply seem to be going about some mysterious business of their own, ignoring the fright they cause as they go. But it is with ghosts of warning that we are concerned tonight.

It happened during that long period of time when wars between England and Scotland ravaged the countryside. King James IV, about to launch another attack against the English, was attending church, in prayer for success. With him were dozens of his leading aides, and around the back of the church knelt as many of the men at arms as could crowd themselves in.

There was silence, only the breathing of the mass of men giving an undertone to the voice of the man of God who led them in their supplications. King James, alone in the forefront of his followers, bowed his head in concentration. And then suddenly a voice rang out. "Sire! Sire," it said, "I have been sent to beg you to delay this expedition against England!"

The King turned to see an extraordinarily ancient man whose white hair and beard, seemingly all of one piece, flowed nearly to the floor. His followers stared at the old man in stunned silence.

The old man's eyes bored into those of the King. "I warn you," he said. "If you go, you will not prosper!" And with that he seemed to step backward and vanish into the very front ranks of the King's men—while the men themselves appeared to be staring at the spot where he had last stood, blind to his movement among them.

The religious King insisted that the service be finished, but immediately afterwards he began inquiries. Who was this daring old man? Where had he gone, and where was he now? Not a man could answer. All had seen the grizzled old fellow, but none knew his name. And none had seen him go. He had simply vanished!

And then, as the King paced from man to man, growing angrier by the minute, a quiet voice spoke at his elbow. "I know the man, Sire. I know him well!" The King turned to see the man of God beside him, face grave and white. "Well," said the King, "speak out! Where can I find him?"

"You cannot find him in this world, Sire," was the answer. "For he is dead full many a year. I know, for he was my friend. I buried him myself!"

For a long minute, the King stared. And then he turned and stamped angrily out of the church, his men following his mood and manner. And to make a long story short, the King's forces, though favored to win, were defeated, and King James himself was killed in the historic battle of Flodden Field!

And so good night to you once again, my friends. Remember the King's Warning. And if you seem to hear voices foretelling of disaster in your dreams tonight—well, nine times out of ten they are only your conscience speaking. But then again—oh, well! Pleasant dreams just the same!

THE TREE OF LIFE AND DEATH



THIS STORY IS MY MEAT, IF YOU'LL PARDON THE EXPRESSION! IT'S THE STORY OF A MAN WHO TRIED TO MIDDLE WITH NATURE AND TWIST ITS LAWS... A STORY OF BLOOD AND HORROR, THE TERRIBLE TALE OF **THE TREE OF LIFE AND DEATH!!**

ONE EVENING, DOCTOR PAUL BURNS STOOD GAZING UP AT THE HUGE OAK TREE WHICH TOWERED OVER HIS HOUSE...

WE'LL SOON KNOW WON'T WE, OLD FRIEND? WE'LL SOON KNOW IF MY FORMULA CAN MAKE WHOLE HUMAN BLOOD MIX WITH YOUR SAP, AND CHANGE YOUR CHARACTERISTICS SO THAT...

PAUL, MARK'S WAITING FOR YOU IN THE LABORATORY



MOMENTS LATER...

PAUL, AS YOUR ASSISTANT, I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT THIS NEW SECRET EXPERIMENT IS? ARE YOU TRYING TO CUT ME OUT OF THE CREDIT OR JUST EXACTLY WHAT??

NOTHING LIKE THAT MARK, OF COURSE. IT'S JUST... WELL, IT'S SUCH A RADICAL THING THAT I'LL BE CALLED CRAZY WHETHER IT SUCCEEDS OR FAILS, AND I DON'T WANT TO INVOLVE ANYONE ELSE.

COME ON NOW, YOU TWO, STOP THE QUARRELING...



YOU KNOW PAUL'S FAR TOO WONDERFUL AND LOYAL A PERSON TO DO SUCH A THING, MARK? SO LET'S JUST ALL HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER, AND FORGET IT!

I—I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT YOU TWO GO AHEAD, AND I'LL JOIN YOU, I... I NEED A MOMENT TO COLLECT MYSELF!

"WONDERFUL AND LOYAL" IS HE? SURE... LOYAL ENOUGH TO MARRY THE GIRL I LOVED, EVEN THOUGH I KNEW HER FIRST, AND NOW THIS... CHEATING ME OUT OF SOME NEW DISCOVERY AFTER I'VE WORKED FOR HIM SO LONG. WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH! I'LL MAKE HIM SORRY!



WHOLE BLOOD, EH? AND IF THE EXPERIMENT IS SO RADICAL, IT MEANS ONLY ONE THING... HE'S GOING TO TEST IT ON HIMSELF! WELL, I HAVE JUST THE THING HERE TO ADD TO HIS MIXTURE! IT WILL DRIVE HIM SLOWLY CRAZY AND HE'LL DIE IN AGONY... AND EVERYONE WILL THINK HIS EXPERIMENT SIMPLY FAILED!

THERE! NOW, IF HE USES THIS IN THE MORNING, THEN BY TOMORROW EVENING...!! NOW TO JOIN THEM FOR LUNCH... AND PLAY THE OLD TRUSTED FRIEND AGAIN... FOR THE LAST TIME!

AND PAUL DID USE HIS FORMULA NEXT MORNING... BUT NOT AS MARK HAD IMAGINED...

THAT DOES IT, MY HUGE FRIEND. I HOPE I'M NOT HURTING YOU, BUT I HAVE TO KNOW!



ALL THAT DAY, PAUL KEPT SILENT WATCH ON THE TREE...

AND STILL NOTHING HAPPENED WHEN MARK DROPPED IN THAT EVENING, CURIOUS...

NOTHING YET! I'M GLAD EVEN JANE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A MAD THING I'M TRYING...

I... JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING, PAUL, NOW... HOW ARE YOU FEELING? EVERYTHING OKAY?

COME IN, MARK. JANE'S IN BED ALREADY, BUT...







WHAT IS IT, PAUL?
I WAS JUST COM-
ING OUT TO HELP...

THAT'S JANE! IT'S
AFTER HER! GIVE ME
THAT HATCHET!



WHAT'S GOT HER?
WHAT IS ALL THIS
CRAZY BUSINESS?!!

I'M COMING, JANE,
I'M COMING!



PAUL! HELP ME,
PAUL! I'M HAV-
ING A NIGHT-
MARE! IT'S A
TREE... A
TREE!

LET GO OF
HER, YOU FOOL!
SHE DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING TO
YOU! I DID IT!



HELP ME PAUL! WAKE
ME UP! I CAN'T
STAND IT!

IT IS
A TREE
AND...
IT BLEEDS!
OH, NO!!

LET
HER
GO!
GO!
GO!



IT'S ALRIGHT,
DARLING! YOU'RE
AWAKE, AND IT'S NOT
A NIGHTMARE! BUT
YOU'RE ALRIGHT
NOW!

A TREE! A
TREE THAT
MOVES AND
BLEEDS...!



THAT'S RIGHT, MARK! NOW DO YOU SEE WHY I SAID
IT WAS TOO CRAZY TO LET ANYONE ELSE TAKE THE
BLAME? I WANTED TO CREATE A TREE WITH IN-
TELLIGENCE... BUT I'VE CREATED A MONSTER!

YOU... YOU PUT THAT BLOOD INTO THE
TREE! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO IN-
JECT YOURSELF, OR I WOULDN'T HAVE POISONED.

YOU **POISONED** THE BLOOD? YOU, IGNORANT, MURDEROUS FOOL! TRYING TO KILL ME, WERE YOU? WELL, LOOK WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED! OUGHT TO...

DON'T PAUL! I WAS OUT OF MY HEAD! I DIDN'T REALLY MEAN TO...

PAUL! THE TREE... IT'S SMASHING THE HOUSE, TRYING TO GET AT US!

CRASH!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! I'M NOT GETTING KILLED BY AN INHUMAN MONSTER!

DON'T MARK! YOU CAN'T GET PAST IT!

PAUL AND JANE RACED MADLY DOWN THE STAIRS AFTER THE FEAR MADDENED MARK! BUT AS THEY REACHED THE BOTTOM...

COME BACK, YOU FOOL! IT WILL KILL...

I WON'T LET IT! OOHhhh! NO! NOOO!!



COME ON, DARLING. THE CELLAR IS OUR ONLY CHANCE.

AGGGGGGGG



IT WILL FIND US DOWN HERE, PAUL! WE CAN'T GET AWAY!

CRASH

MAYBE! BUT IT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO!



BUT IT SEEMED AS IF JANE WAS RIGHT! AS THE TWO TERRIFIED HUMANS CROUCHED IN THE CELLAR, THE GREAT TREE TORE SAVAGELY AT THE FRAIL MAN-MADE STRUCTURE SEEKING ITS OWN VICTIMS!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE KITCHEN...



AND SOON THE HOUSE WAS A MASS OF FRAMES! PAUL AND JANE CROUCHED IN THE CELLAR AS LONG AS THEY COULD STAND IT, AND THEN...

LET'S MAKE A RUN FOR IT, PAUL!

ALRIGHT, DARLING! IT'S THE TREE OR THE FIRE, AND I'D PREFER THE TREE! IF WE DON'T MAKE IT, REMEMBER I LOVED YOU! OK, LET'S GO!



WE'RE OUT, PAUL! BUT LOOK AT THE TREE!

THE POOR THING! IT'S DOOMED! I, I GUESS IT'S JUST AS WELL, BUT I HATE MYSELF FOR IT. IT'S MY FAULT.



OH PAUL! IT'S ITS SCREAMING. HOW HORRIBLE, HOW HORRIBLE.

I'M SORRY, OLD FRIEND, I'M SORRY.



AND BELIEVE ME, NEVER AGAIN IN ALL THE YEARS I MAY LIVE WILL I MEDDLE WITH THE LAWS OF NATURE!!



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